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1. ACCORDING TO FORMIN NEGOTIATION WILL BEGIN AT 3:30 PM ON APRIL 22 WITH PART OF COBAE GROUP: 6 TO 8 GOB REPS INCLUDING BAENA SOARES OF FORMIN, DION PLUS ASSISTANT FROM CNPQ, POSSIBLY NOW INPE HEAD PARADA, AND 3-4 FROM JOINT CHIEFS STAFF (EMFA). GEN. CORREIA, HEAD OF EMFA AND COBAE, MAY BE PRESENT FOR PART OF MEETING. MORNING SESSION ON APRIL 23 WOULD BEGIN AT 9:30 AM AND AND AFTER-NOON SESSION, IF NEEDED, AT 2:30 PM. FORMIN GAVE NO HINT OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH NASA DRAFT AGREEMENT BUT ADDED THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE INITIALED AT CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS, SIGNED SOON THEREAFTER AFTER COMPLETION OF CLEARANCES WITHIN GOB, AND RATIFIED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES. IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED, EXPIRATION DATE COULD ALSO BE EXTENDED IF NECESSARY BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

2. ECON/COMMERICAL COUNSELOR AND SCICOUN PLAN TO ACCOMPANY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FRUTKIN TO ALL MEETINGS, WITH DCM (CHARGE AT THAT TIME) POSSIBLY ATTENDING SOME SESSIONS. NEGOTIATION WILL BE CONDUCTED MAINLY IN ENGLISH - EMBASSY WILL FURNISH OFFICER TO INTERPRET FOR FRUTKIN WHEN NECESSARY.

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3. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FRUTKIN WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL BY SCICOUN. ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR RUSER INVITES MR. FRUTKIN TO STAY AT HIS HOME RATHER THAN HOTEL. CHARGE JOHNSON PLANS TO OFFER RECEPTION EVENING OF APRIL 22. FORMIN BELIEVES EMFA MAY WISH TO GIVE LUNCHEON ON APRIL 23 AND WILL ADVISE. EMBASSY ON MONDAY.

4. FYI: FERNANDO MENDONCA WILL NOT COME TO BRASILIA TO TAKE UP DUTIES WITH CNPQ AS COORDINATOR OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SECOND BASIC PLAN FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT (II PBDCT) UNTIL END OF APRIL. HOWEVER, PARADA HAS TAKEN OVER AT INPE. CNPQ PRESIDENT DION STATED YESTERDAY AT AMBASSADOR'S LUNCHEON THAT FUTURE INPE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE FOCUSED ONLY ON REMOTE SENSING AND ON QUOTE FRONTIERS OF SPACE RESEARCH UNQUOTE. II PBDCT STATES THAT INPE PLANS TO LAUNCH ITS OWN SCIENTIFIC SATELLITE WITH FRENCH COLABORATION TO STUDY UPPER ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMENA. BOTH CNPQ AND FORMIN HAVE APPREARED INTERESTED IN IDEA THAT BRAZIL PROVIDE INCREASED REMOTE SENSING SERVICES TO REST OF SOUTH AMERICA BUT HAVE NOT COMMENTED DIRECTLY. CRIMMINS

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